

ECOSOLVE GUIDELINES (ENGLISH)

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Guideline For the Participants

IFIC Bank invites students across Bangladesh to participate in an exciting Essay competition aimed at raising awareness and exploring solutions to local environmental and infrastructural issues. This competition provides a unique platform for students to voice their ideas and make a positive impact on their communities.

Eligibility:

The competition is open to students in Bangladesh within the following age groups:

Group A: Age 12-15

Group B: Age 16-18

Group C: Age 19-23

Essay Topics:

Section	Topics
Group A (Age 12-15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of drinking water in your area
Group B (Age 16-18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of drinking water in your area, or, • State of Solid waste disposal in your area, or, • Sewerage for disposal of wastewater and human excreta in your area.
Group C (Age 19-23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of drinking water in your area, or, • State of Solid waste disposal in your area, or, • Sewerage for disposal of wastewater and human excreta in your area.

Instructions for Group – A

Topic for the competition:

- State of drinking water in your area

1. Introduction

- Overview of the paper
- Brief summary of the local challenges in your area

2. Detailed Assessment of the Problems

- Environmental Assessment
- Health Risks
- Infrastructural Limitations
- Relevant Information & Data
- Relevant images (optional)

3. Probable Practical Solutions

- Solutions based on the problems identified.

4. Conclusion

Instructions for Group – B

Choose any one of the following topics:

- State of drinking water in your area, or,
- State of Solid waste disposal in your area, or,
- Sewerage for disposal of waste water and human excreta in your area.

1. Introduction

- Overview of the paper
- Brief summary of the local challenges in your area

2. Areas to be covered for the selected topics:

For Water Issues:

- Water scarcity and uneven distribution
- Pollution from industrial, agricultural, and household waste

For Sanitation Problems:

- Lack of access to basic sanitation facilities
- Unsafe disposal of human waste

For Sewerage System Problems:

- Overloaded, outdated, or inadequate infrastructure
- Sewage overflow and water contamination

3. Detailed Assessment of Problems

- Environmental Assessment
- Impact of polluted water on ecosystems, including rivers, lakes, and marine life
- Soil contamination from improper waste disposal
- Health Risks
- Overview of health consequences related to contaminated water and poor sanitation
- Socio-Economic Assessment
- Impacts on marginalized communities and rural areas
- Effect on local economies and livelihood, especially in agriculture and tourism
- Infrastructural Limitations
- Relevant Information & Data
- Relevant images
- Maps and locations

4. Probable Practical Solutions

- Solutions based on the problems identified, and probable costs to implement the proposed solutions including cost breakdown.

5. Conclusion

Instructions for Group – C

Step 1: Choose any one of the following Topics:

- State of drinking water in your area, or,
- State of Solid waste disposal in your area, or,
- Sewerage for disposal of waste water and human excreta in your area.

Step 2: After choosing the topic do the following:

- **Glossary:** Prepare a glossary of all the terms that you use to describe the state of the problem you are working with (It is a continuous process and upon refinement, will be included in your report)
- **Data Presentation:** Take photographs, collect maps and draw sketches upon Google maps/satellite images of your areas – to give a visual picture of the state of affairs. The visual illustrations, that clearly give an idea of your area on the specific issues you will discuss, should be included in the report.

Step 3: Report Writing:

1. Introduction

- Overview of the paper
- Brief summary of the local challenge in your area (explain the current infrastructure, resources, institutions, other characteristics of the area etc)

2. Areas to be covered for the selected topics:

For Water Issues:

- Water scarcity and uneven distribution
- Pollution from industrial, agricultural, and household waste

For Sanitation Problems:

- Lack of access to basic sanitation facilities
- Unsafe disposal of human waste

For Sewerage System Problems:

- Overloaded, outdated, or inadequate infrastructure
- Sewage overflow and water contamination

3. Detailed Assessment of Problems

- Environmental Assessment
- Impact of polluted water on ecosystems, including rivers, lakes, and marine life
- Soil contamination from improper waste disposal
- Health Risks
- Overview of health consequences related to contaminated water and poor sanitation
- Socio-Economic Assessment
- Impacts on marginalized communities and rural areas
- Effect on local economies and livelihood, especially in agriculture and tourism
- Infrastructural Limitations
- Relevant Information & Data

4. Probable Practical Solutions

- Solutions based on the problems identified, and probable costs to implement the proposed solutions including cost breakdown. Suggest actions at the community level and how you and others in the community may address some of those problems. Essentially, develop a business plan for a community-level undertaking that is feasible

5. Conclusion

Essay Writing Requirements:

- **Language:**

English (preferably) or Bengali.

- **Formatting:**

- **Typed Essays:**

Word limit: Max 3000 Words

Font: Times New Roman

Font Size: 12

Margin: 1 inch

- **Handwritten Essays:**

Word limit: max 2000 Words

Format: Handwritten on A4-size paper

Font: Clear and legible handwriting

Ink color: Black or Blue ink

Pages: Submit in neatly bound or staple format

Image print: you may attach relevant images with the handwritten submission, ensuring they are clear and easy to reference.

Submission Methods:

Participants can choose to submit their essays through one of the following methods:

1. **Online Submission:**

- Submit via the Google Form link that has been shared on IFIC Bank's social media platforms and website.
- File format: PDF (preferably), Microsoft Word Document
Maximum File size: 10 MB.

2. **Offline Submission:**

- Submit to any IFIC Bank branch or uposhakha nearby
- Must write on top of the envelope:
“IFIC EcoSolve”, Category (Group A/ Group B/ Group C), Participant's name, Age, Institution's name, Topic of the Essay and phone number.

Evaluation Criteria

Essays will be judged based on the following aspects:

- **Relevance to Topic:** Focus on the specified local issues and suggested solutions.
- **Originality and Creativity:** Fresh ideas and unique perspectives on local problems and improvements.
- **Structure and Coherence:** Logical organization and flow of ideas.
- **Language and Grammar:** Appropriate vocabulary and attention to spelling and grammar.
- **Practicality of Solutions:** Feasibility and thoughtfulness of proposed solutions.

Awards and Prizes

Three winners will be selected from each age group and will receive the following awards:

Prize money, Certificate and Crest

01 (one) honorable mention from each group will receive certificate and crest.

	1st Prize (BDT)	2nd Prize (BDT)	3rd Prize (BDT)
Group A	15000	12000	10000
Group B	20000	15000	12000
Group C	25000	20000	15000
Honorable Mentions	Crests and Certificates		

Rules and Conditions

- All essays must be original and unpublished. Plagiarized content and AI generated content will result in disqualification.
- IFIC Bank reserves the right to publish, or use submitted Essays in its promotional materials.
- One participant can submit only one Essay.

Important Dates

- **Submission Deadline:** 10.02.2025 (5:00 pm)
- **Winner Announcement:** will be announced later

Contact Information

- For any questions or queries regarding the competition, please contact your nearest IFIC BANK Branch or Sub-branch or email at ificecosolve@gmail.com

IFIC Bank looks forward to seeing your ideas for a cleaner, better community. Best of luck to all participants!